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VOICE OF THE REVOLUTION

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF
OMAN AND THE ARABIAN GULF CAN BE HEARD ON WAVE LENGTH
25.49 METRES - 11770 kHz FROM 1615-1645 G.M.T.

MILITARY REPORT

The Iranian Army launches a military campaign against the 'Red Line' in the Mid Region.

The invaders suffered 21 casualties on the first day of fierce fighting.

Military report for the period 11-21st December. (M.C.522/73 - 528/73)

The invading Iranian Army has been launching a big military campaign against the 'Red Line' in the Mid Region since the 20th December.

This campaign was a climax to huge preparations and military movements by the Iranian forces with the complete coordination of Saudi Arabia, Britain and the complete submission of the client regime of Qaboos in Muscat.

P.F.L.O.A.G. has with the revolutionary government of P.D.R.Y., pointed out these movements and warned of their consequences.

The Iranian Army is moving from the enemy bases in the Valley of Salsah and the northern camp (Thamret) with the facilitation of the Saudi Army.

The purpose of the campaign is to re-central the Red line, which is a strategic way connecting the enemy base in the coastal plain with those in the northern desert.

The campaign has been met with the heroic fighting of P.L.A. and the steadfastness of the people.

The enemy suffered 21 casualties in 11 battles on the first day in Akor-n-sheriti).

P.L.A. 1st enemy martyr.

EASTERN REGION

On the 11/12th the mercenary army moved some forces from coastal village Taka, to the heights of Knent in the Eastern Region. Three battles took place where the enemy called R.A.F. planes which bombed the area in order to recover its withdrawal.

The enemy suffered 3 casualties in one battle.

WESTERN REGION

P.L.A. has been launching several attacks against the enemy camp in Sarfoet using rocket-launchers, mortar and different fire arms.

In the operation of 17/12 P.L.A. mortared the enemy positions from different directions for more than three hours, isolating some positions for five hours.

The enemy suffered 11 casualties and 24 fortifications were demolished.

TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES

1. 30 casualties.
2. Destruction of 20 posts (one an observation post).
3. Destruction of two medium machine guns.
4. Silencing an 81mm. mortar and heavy machine gun.
5. Burning enemy tents and establishments.

OUR LOSSES

1. One martyr.
2. Burning of large area of pasture and farms.

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THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND LABOUR STANDS BESIDE THE BUSINESS MEN.

The Ministry of Works and Labour has a good reputation in the midst of monopolies which toy with the rights of workers. It has never taken the workers' side in the past.

The Ministry follows "Al-sherawi" policy, which states that the Bahraini worker is lazy, ignorant and not capable of work! It also asserts a philosophy that "Business men are right, especially the British companies because they work for the interest of Bahrain".

When workers stand for their lawful rights, the Ministry of Works reacts madly and accuses them of being trouble makers, who by making trouble encourage the flow of foreign capital abroad! To demonstrate their faithfulness to the country, the workers should submit to the exploitation and oppression of the companies!

One of the most notorious group of companies are those operating in Bahrain airport. The workers of these companies have since 1969, been demanding the realisation of their rights, to no avail. They found that the only way to achieve their lawful rights is to resort to strike-action. When the companies see that this action will bring them losses, they agree orally to meet the demands of the workers to end the strike. Then when workers return to work, their demands are diluted and after the other, by various devious means, not without the help of the Ministry of Works.

The airport workers became aware of these means and developed their own counterparts to intensify the struggle against their exploiters, the companies.

They are continually furthering their awareness and class-consciousness.

The most recent struggle of the airport workers was the 18-day strike. This followed a petition including a number of demands put to the companies last April, which were not met. The strike brought the busy airport to a standstill and embarrassed the companies.

.....Negotiations started anew and promises were again made to meet the workers demands.

What is most interesting was the stand of the Ministry of WorksBack to its celebrated philosophy; sack the workers and import foreign substitutes.

The workers discovered this dirty game and answered by a second strongly worded petition to the Ministry of Works and the companies, demanding the following:-

1. 10% increase in wages to meet the rising cost of living.
2. Payment of overtime and transport expenses.
3. Payment of lunch expenses.

The government and the companies were forced to re-open negotiations with the workers.....

One thing has become very clear to our workers; that is, to disregard the companies' promises, to be aware and to unite to achieve their just demands. Only by uniting, can they wrest concessions from these companies, which have exploited and exhausted to the full the labour power of thousands of workers. They must continue the struggle against the exploiting companies and the reactionary government to wrest from the latter more of their rights and to preserve what they have gained.

NEWS

UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS IN BAHRAIN COMPETES WITH THE CRISIS OF INFLATION.

The British intelligence service rules in the sphere of employment. Tens of graduates have no jobs, while Companies continue to sack the workers, "the trouble makers" after each strike. Reports from Intelligence follow directly to the other Companies.

The intelligence services are proficient at making conditions even harder for the unemployed citizen. A decree was issued prohibiting the employment of any citizen not holding a good conduct certificate.

The phrase "We advise you not to employ Mr. 'Y' " has become regular in the letters of the intelligence quarters to the Companies and Ministries.... They also encouraged the idea of emigration to dispose of a huge number of the unemployed.

With regard to the crisis of inflation the minister of development declared "The government should not impose fixed prices on consumer goods. These should be left to changes arising from supply and demand". This declaration was another triumph for the merchants and businessmen who were pleased by "the very wise" policy of the government!

FROM THE PROGRAMME OF THE "NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TASKS".

"British Imperialism and Arab and Persian reactionaries strive by all means to falsify the nature of the struggle in the region. To transform it from a struggle against the imperialist existence and its reactionary stooges to a chauvinist struggle between the Arabs and the national minorities which have flocked to the area of Oman and the Arab Gulf with the discovery of oil. They resort to inciting and intensifying the hostility between the Arabs and the Persians.

HENDERSON - A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME DEFENCE COUNCIL.

The ruler of Bahrain formed a Supreme Defence Council, whose members are:

- 1- Sheik Khalifa Bin Saman Al-Khalifa..... Premier
- 2- Hamad Bin Essa.....Crown Prince
- 3- Mohamed Bin Mubarak.....Foreign Minister
- 4- Mahmoud Ali-Alwi.....Finance Minister
- 5- Henderson..Commander of Intelligence
- 6- Top Jprdanian adviser

The first three are members of the feudal ruling family which is resisting in giving up its feudal absolute hegemony, the fourth is a government puppet, the fifth is a British officer with a long history of crimes against our people. The sixth is a hired killer.

The formation of this council aroused strong resistance at a time where the regime is urging the people to co-operate with the new Parliamentary experience. The formation of this council is a symptom of the insistence on the policy of suppression against the national democratic forces in Bahrain.

News (Continued)

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE ASSASSINATES TWO SALALA CITIZENS

The Omani regime has remained quiet about the assassination of two Salala citizens, Mihsin F. Ahl and Hassan Ahmed Sleh, which was carried out by British Intelligence in Oman at Bab Al Soor.

It is not a secret that the regime carries out executions against the citizens and against those who do not support its criminal policy or refuse to work in the tribal squadrons. For the regime assassinated the Salala citizen Saleh Suhail Al Sharkaf last month because of his refusal to work for British Intelligence against his people.

AN INCREASED LOOTING OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

DUBAI :

With the consent of the traitorous Sultans, Sheikh and rulers our natural resources continue to be looted by the oil monopolies.

The Continental Oil Company stated that one of its subsidiaries in Dubai had made a new oil discovery along the Dubai shores. The Dubai Petroleum Company which works for a group of six international oil monopolies presently exploits the important Fatin oil field near the Dubai shores. The new discovery called the Rashid field, whose commercial value hasn't been determined yet, lies 25 km. south of the Fatin field.

MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL

The name of Bahraini found in Supreme Defense Council, whose

members are:

- 1- Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al-Thani
- 2- Hassan bin Zayed
- 3- Mohammed bin Hamad
- 4- Mohammed bin Zayed
- 5- Mohammed bin Zayed
- 6- Top Lebanese advisor

The first time the members of the Council were formed was in 1971, giving up its traditional absolute hegemony, the Council is a permanent organ, the fifth is a Bahraini officer with a long history of action against our people. The sixth is a high official.

The formation of this Council showed strong resistance to the new Bahraini experiment. The formation of this Council is a sign of the resistance to the policy of suppression against the national destiny of Bahrain.

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

ON THE 9th ANNIVERSARY

LET US STRUGGLE AGAINST SURRENDER.

The Jan. 1st 1974 is the 9th anniversary of the Palestinian armed revolution of Jan. 1st 1965, as a beginning of Arab revolutionary tide and new era of Palestinian people's struggle.

The armed revolution means that the Palestinians are determined to resist the hegemony of Arab regimes, their exploitation of Palestinians cause for political profitting and their isolation of Palestinians in the concentration camps (refugee camps).

The Palestinian revolution was able to accomplish great successes, to erase many wrong beliefs and to contribute in motivating the Arab revolution

The revolution through great sufferings for 9 years was able to grasp the recognition of its right to be the exclusive representative of the Palestinian people.

This recognition is not grant of Arab regimes but a surrender of a subjective situation of the Palestinian people's determination to struggle against the hegemony whether it is Arab or Zionist.

The Palestinian people are deeply convinced of the armed struggle as the only mean to grasp the Palestinian people legitimate rights and the establishment of the free democratic Palestinian state.

This convention is fruit of a long experience; that is why the Palestinian struggle is heightened in the West-Bank upon the project of surrender-solution after October war.

Through the long deary struggle the Palestinian rebels realised the following subjective facts:

- 1- Sorting the allies and the enemies.
- 2- The Arabic dimension of the Palestinian revolution.
- 3- The necessity of back-base.

The Palestinian revolution as a national democratic revolution has natural allies: the national liberation movements, the socialist Group, the labour movement in the capitalist countries and all peace-loving, anti-Zionist, anti-imperialist, democratic organizations and elements

The natural enemies are the international Zionism, imperialism led by U.S. and reactionary forces among who Arab client reactionary.

The Palestinian revolution has an Arabic dimension. It was proved that without arabic back-base surrounding Palestine which serve as jumping-post, the liberation of Palestine is impossible

Such base should be under progressive democratic rule or else the revolution will be stabbed from behind as the case in Sept. 1970 in Jordan.

It is clear that a main task for Arab revolutionary organizations is to support the vanguard Palestinian revolution and uncover the Arab suppressive reactionary regimes who exploit Palestinian cause against their people

This anniversary coincide with the execution of the U.S. - Israeli settlement which means the liquidation of the Palestinian revolution as a necessary step for permanent hegemony of imperialists, Zionists and reactionaries.

It is of urgent necessity to oppose this settlement. P.F.L.O.A.G. hails the great Palestinian revolution and assures the Palestinian rebels to stand unconditionally against surrender in support of the armed struggle for the liberation of all Palestinian soil.

NEWS continued

A TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS

The C.C. of P.F.L.O.A.G. received a telegram from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, congratulating it on the second anniversary of the establishment of P.F.L.O.A.G.

Here are some excerpts:

Comrades of the C.C. of P.F.L.O.A.G.... We send to you our comradely greetings... on the anniversary of the formation of the Front, which is struggling to eradicate all shaky political structures tied with it... This anniversary comes at a time so crucial to the Arab struggle and the Arab region as a result of the imperialist plotting and the intensifying of the Imperialist and Zionist attack on our Palestinian cause and on all sections of the Arab National Liberation Movement.

We together confront the most dangerous Imperialist-Zionist and reactionary attack... aimed at maintaining the present submissive statu-quo on our Arab peoples, thus facilitating their plunder of our oil wealth, and keeping this vital area an aggressive imperialist base. A base to threaten and liquidate not only us, but all the national liberation movements in the region. Consequently we believe that it is the duty of all sections of Arab National Liberation movements to realise the danger of this phase... to unite... and to mobilise the masses to be able to fight imperialism, Zionism and reaction and to defeat all plans of liquidation and submission... not only against the Palestinian resistance, the only true representative of the masses of our Palestinian people, but also against your leadership to the Arab masses of Oman and the Arab Gulf. This is a prerequisite to liquidate any progressive and patriotic voice in the whole of our Arab region..."

THE POPULAR FRONT GREETES THE ARAB STUDENTS IN THE U.K.

The Central Committee of P.F.L.O.A.G. sent a telegram to the Conference of Arab Students in the U.K. and Ireland, currently being held in London. The following are excerpts:

"We greet your conference, which is being held in unpredictable and difficult conditions. Your clear stand to the side of the armed struggle in Palestine and the Gulf, and your support to the Arab Liberation Movement will participate in the consolidation of the Movement, of which you form a part."

C.C. of P.F.L.O.A.G.